

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0001] ~~This application is a divisional of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/581,772, filed June 15, 2000 and entitled "Microparticles With Adsorbent Surfaces, Methods of Making Same, and Uses Thereof." This application is a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/285,855, filed April 2, 1999, from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 120 and which application is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety, which is a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/124,533, filed July 29, 1998, from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 120 and which application is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety, which is a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/015,652, filed January 29, 1998, from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 120 and which application is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety, which in turn is related to U.S. provisional Patent Application Serial Nos. 60/036,316, filed January 30, 1997 and 60/069,749, filed December 16, 1997, from which applications priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119(e)(1), and which applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.~~